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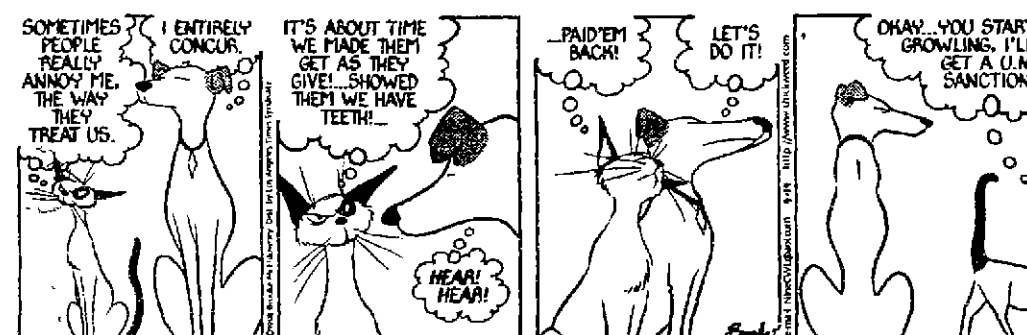
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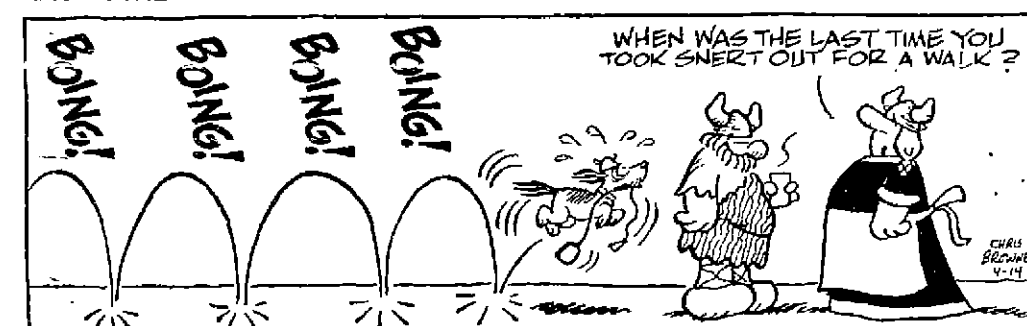
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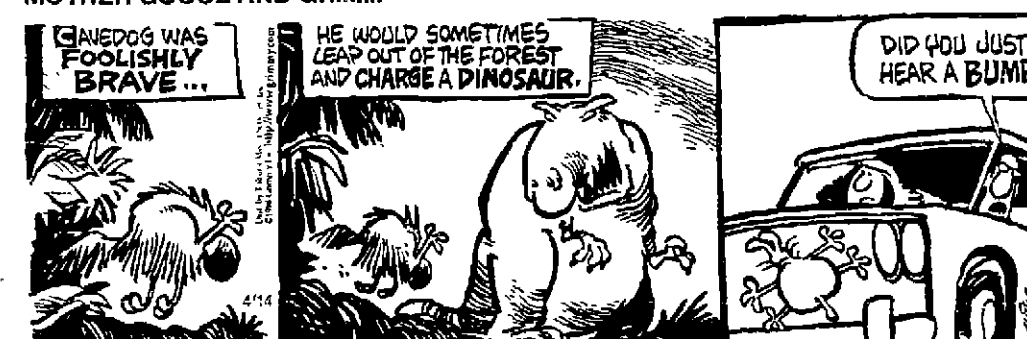
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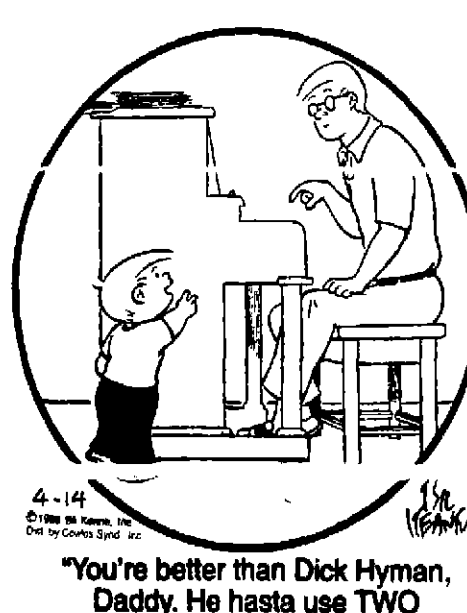
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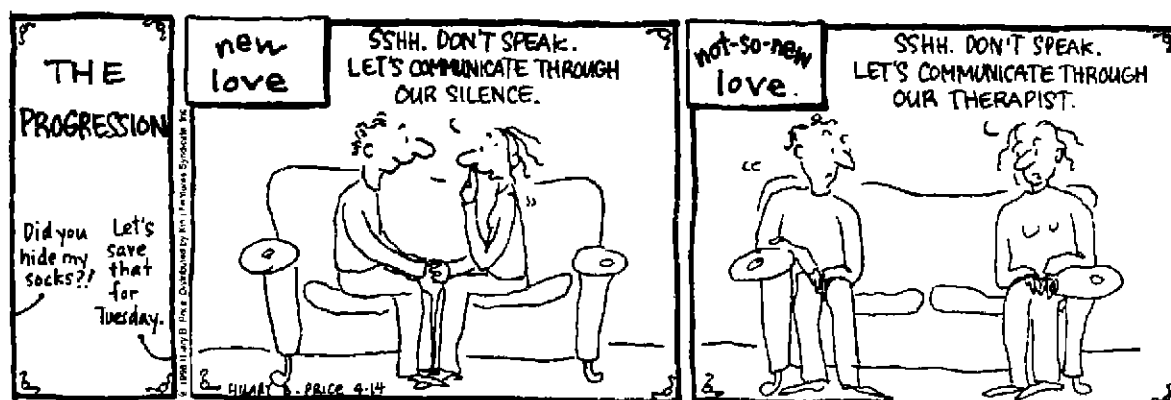
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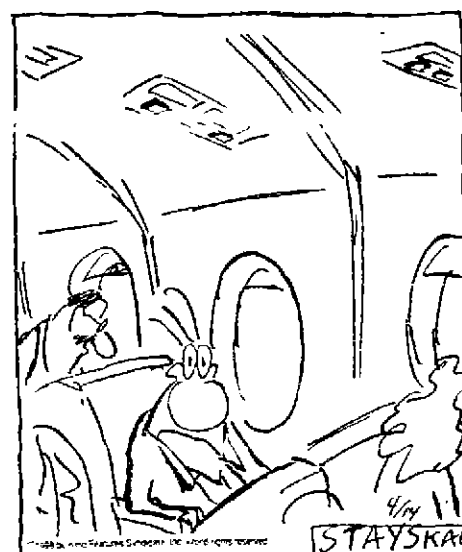
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actor Sir John Gielgud is 94.

is 73. Actor Bradford Dillman is 68.

Actor Jay Robinson ("The Robe") is 68.

Singer-songwriter Buddy Knox is 65.

Country singer Loretta Lynn is 63.

Actress Julie Christie is 58.

Baseball's all-time hit leader, Pete Rose, is 57.

Actor John Shea is 49.

Actor Anthony Michael Hall is 30.

Rapper DaBrat is 24.

Actress Sarah Michelle Gellar ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is 21.

I NEED HELP



Young Mozart is caught passing notes.

SCRABBLE

PAR SCORE 130-140 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4-14-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

RACK 1: D, S, E, I, U, B, S

RACK 2: E, O, E, O, Y, G, U

RACK 3: N, R, M, E, U, O, R

RACK 4: D, S, F, N, E, F, O

Scoring: Double Word Score, 3rd Letter Double

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

- Wall

K Q N K H D A X U N R P M J G

D A X V S Q N K I I F D A X V

T Q O M J H G L F E C A Y W U

R P N Y L J R N D H H F D B Z

X V T R R E R O I R E T X E Q

O M K A B D O M I N A L F K I

H T F D A L B T O R I Z N F Y

W V A E F E T T L R E A Q O O

N L H E K I S H F L L T T D C

A Z X W R K C I R B A V N E U

S R Q O N G N I L I A W M I R

Monday's unlisted clue: LINES

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A WALL IN CHINA

Abdominal Dry Interior Stone

Berlin Exterior Off-the Walling

Blank Flood Retaining Wall-to-

Brick Head Sea

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Wednesday, April 15, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're uncomfortable around a co-worker who is indiscreet. Do your best to avoid him or her.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're in no mood for someone's mindless blathering and could lash out; however, that has unexpectedly good consequences.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your mind isn't really on your work as the day begins. Later you find yourself doubling your efforts as a result.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Try to make more of an effort with someone who isn't listening. You can communicate if you exercise patience.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) That famous leonine temper is raging. The situation to which you're reacting really isn't as dire as you're making it out to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You feel as though someone's pigeonholing you at work. Make an effort to demonstrate your versatility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You're brisk and efficient, seeming to be everywhere at once. Co-workers find it difficult to keep up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have those famous scorpion stingers out, but for no good reason.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The clouds have lifted, and all is bright and sunny again in your life. Therefore, you're in a playful mood.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Check carefully before getting involved in any investment schemes. Assess your needs and make the decision based on that.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) A slip of the tongue can't be retracted easily. You're just going to have to live with what occurs as a result.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You impress those around you with your patience and serenity. Your mate gives you kudos on your behavior.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

While on "the couch," a neurotic player whined to his analyst, "I can never guess where the key cards are." "I'm not sure I can help you," lied the analyst. "Perhaps if you give me an example, I might find the answer." This is the hand that raised the fee. The patient took dummy's heart ace and cashed the queen and ace of trumps. When East discarded, South cashed dummy's heart queen and drew the last trump with his 10. After discarding a diamond on his heart king, he led a low club toward dummy. West had no reason to panic and South inserted dummy's jack, losing to East's queen. The defense got two clubs and two diamonds, and South's shrink got a phone call. "It's a problem hand," noted the shrink. "But it might help to focus on your thoughts. Why were you engrossed with discarding one of dummy's diamonds? What good could that have done? 'Instead, you should have adopted a plan of discovery. Before playing clubs, you should play diamonds. In the process, you find East has both top honors. West's opening lead tells you East also has the heart jack, so in view of East's original pass, it's highly unlikely he has the club ace.' 'Thank you, doctor, you've given me new hope,' exuded the bridge player. 'Since you're so good at the game, why don't you play with me at the next tournament?'" As the shrink rang for the receptionist to end the session, he told another fib: "I'm sure it would be enjoyable, but I never mix business with pleasure."

NORTH 0414 A 11
 ♠ Q J 9 5
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ 10 9 4
 ♣ K J 6 3

WEST
 ♠ 7 4 2
 ♥ 10 9 8
 ♦ 8 5 3
 ♣ A 10 7 4

EAST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ J 6 5 3 2
 ♦ A K 6 2
 ♣ Q 9 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A 10 8 3
 ♥ K 7 4
 ♦ Q J 7
 ♣ 8 2

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: East

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1 ♠ Pass 3 ♠
 Pass 4 ♠ All pass

Opening lead: Heart 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0303

ACROSS

1 Religious scroll

6 Coat, as with plaster

10 Group with the 1978 hit "Fernando"

14 Solo

15 Fare for Fido

16 Medicinal weight

17 Domingo, for one

18 Smack

19 Indian music

20 1991 best seller by Jim Stewart

23 It laps the shore

26 Trump's "art"

27 — de Cologne

28 "— soul man" (Blues Brothers lyric)

29 Trains on high

31 Circumference

33 Sheepish response

34 Neighbor of Mex.

37 Lowbrow sitcom staple

41 Bro's counterpart

42 Lend a hand

43 Nattering type

45 Scandalous '80's initials

46 "— Compères" (1984 film)

48 Suffix with Sudan

49 Hon

53 All over the place, as paint

56 Secret

58 Western Indians

59 Lévesque of Québec

60 Out-and-out

64 Elder, for one

65 Midmonth date

66 Info-packed

67 Pronounces

68 "Hey, you!"

69 American-born princess

DOWN

1 Work on a doily

2 — Miss

3 Director Howard

4 Where to connect one end of a jumper cable

5 Enclosed, in reggae

6 Noted Big Apple residence, with "the"

7 "Get —!"

8 Against the current

9 Hokey

10 See eye to eye

11 Accolade for Von Stade

12 Accumulate

14 Site of 80's tour of duty

15 Bouncers check them: Abbr.

16 Parlor drink

17 Poetic feet

18 Midwest emirate

19 "Well, — di-dahl!"

20 The "I" of T.G.I.F.

21 Ogier's target

22 Actress

23 Nuptial starter

24 Most recent

25 Season in Bordeaux

26 Aberdeen folk

27 Extremist

28 Like hot fudge

29 Dally

30 Clearheaded

31 Left one's seat

32 Lab runner

33 Sesame paste source

34 Decomposed

35 Rest stop?

36 Glazier's items

37 Fragrant compound

38 Stumble

39 J.F.K. terminal

40 Computer key, for short

41 Banderet

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-800-420-5555 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.